example, diverting the fund for the canal and doing this work or stopping the work for the compound wall of the dispensary and doing this.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Quite right:

ഡെപ്യൂട്ടിപ്രസിഡെണ്ട്.—വോട്ടുചെയ്യണൊ, കനാലിന്റെ കാര്യംനോക്കിയിട്ട തരമുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ഇതിലേക്കെടുക്കാമെന്ന പറയുന്നുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—വോട്ടാവശ്യമില്ല.

The resolution was, withdrawn, with leave.

8. Forest and Tramway Departments.

The resolution of Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyâr that "this Council recommends to the Government that a committee composed of five Members including the Conservator of Forests and four others elected from among the Members of the Council be appointed to investigate into the working of the Forest and Tramway Departments and to suggest improvements in the same" was considered withdrawn, as the Member was absent.

9. Quantity of fuel consumed.

Deputy President.—Resolution No. 9, Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Sir, I beg to move the following resolution:—

"This Council recommends to the Government that necessary steps be taken to collect information as to (a) the quantity of fuel that is being consumed by the State by (1) Factories, (2) the general public for domestic purposes, (3) the quantity that is supplied to Railways by Government or by other private bodies and the quantity of fuel that is otherwise exported outside the State, (b) the quantity of fuel that will be available from the State Forests annually without depleting the State Forests."

ഇതിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശത്തെപ്പറ്റി വലിയ പ്രസംഗമൊന്നുമാവശ്യമില്ല. വിറകുപയോഗിക്കുന്ന കമ്പനികൾ (ഓട്ടുകമ്പനികൾ, നെയ്ത്തുകമ്പനികൾ മുതലായവ) വർഷാവർഷം വളരെയും കാടുകറഞ്ഞുംവരുന്നു. മേലിൽ വിറകു എവിടെനിന്നു കിട്ടുമെന്നു അറിവാൻ പാടില്ല. കല്ക്കരി ഉപയോഗിപ്പാൻ തരവുമില്ല. ഈ നിലയ്ക്കു ഫ ള കൊല്ലംകൊണ്ടു വിറകു തീരെ ഇല്ലാതാകും. കണക്കറിഞ്ഞാൽ ഫ ൦ ൦ ഏക്കർ വീതം ഒരു കൊല്ലത്തേക്കു കൊടുത്താൽ വീണ്ടും ഫ ള കൊല്ലം കഴിയുമ്പോൾ മരങ്ങൾ വളർന്നുവരും. ഇതു സംബന്ധിച്ചു ഗാഢമായി ആലോചിച്ചു ഇതിനു ഒരു തീരുമാനമുണ്ടാക്കേണമെന്ന അപേക്ഷിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു ഇതിനെ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I second it.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—I oppose the resolution, because it is not possible to get a correct account of the quantity of fuel that may be necessary for the whole State. As for the quantity consumed by the factories in the State, we have no means of ascertaining the quantity that is consumed by each

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and every factory within the State. There is also no law enforcing them to submit accounts of the quantity consumed.

Then, as for the quantity consumed by the general public for domestic purposes, we can have an account of the fuel removed from the Reserve Forests alone. But the general public remove fuel from their assigned lands, and we cannot have any correct account of the quantity removed by them from their assigned lands. As regards the quantity supplied to Railways by Government, we do not supply any quantity to the Railways. The quantity exported also cannot be ascertained. Of course, we can have an approximate estimate of the quantity that is available from the State Forests. It may be more or less a ton of fuel per acre. Anyhow, we will have to conduct a survey in order to ascertain this.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—That is the request, so that we may know where we stand. What he wants to know is whether the Department is in a position to say that they are taking the necessary measures to restrict supply of fire-wood. A number of factories depend upon fire-wood, and they are anxious whether they would be in a position to have fire-wood for another ten years; whether the Department is doing all that is possible is what he wants to know.

Deputy President.—A question would have been sufficient.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—The first thing is, they must have a general idea whether the Department is satisfied that they would be able to supply the necessary fuel, and supposing they are not, then it should be considered whether any measures should be taken.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—There is supply for another 5 years. That is what I am told. I do not know.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—There are all kinds of rumours afloat.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—I am saying that it is alarming the factory people and the mill owners.

Deputy President.—It is not possible to collect information as to the quantity of fuel consumed by the factories.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—There is a list of factories, and they may ask the factories about the quantity of fire-wood used per annum.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—We will go a step further and say the total quantity consumed in the State may be ascertained, and a rough calculation may be made of the quantity available.

Deputy President.—They want a proper survey to ascertain the quantity of fire-wood that would be available in future. Their fear is after some time they may not get fire-wood.

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Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Of course, we can give an approximate figure of the quantity available from the forests.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—That is all we want.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—But all sorts of factories spring up every day, and we cannot have any idea of the demand.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—You can know of the quantity that is roughly consumed for a number of years, can you not? The Department may also be able to know the quantity of fire-wood that is sold out. That is all we want, so that we may compare the quantity that is available and the quantity that is used and take the necessary measures.

Deputy President.—The Forest Department will be able to find out the quantity of fire-wood removed from the forests.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The other Departments must be made to supply the rest of the information. We do not say that the Forest Department should supply. The Government should supply.

Deputy President.—That is too much to ask.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Why, Sir? It is legitimate. We won't be able to gather all this information. Only the Government will be able to do it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—It is simply to draw the attention of the Government to the seriousness of the problem that I have tabled this resolution. I withdraw.

The resolution was withdrawn with leave.

The House rose for lunch at 1' to 2 p. m. and met again at 3 p. m. with the Deputy President himself in the Chair.

Resolutions withdrawn.

The following resolutions and amendments were considered withdrawn as the Members were absent:—

10. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—'This Council recommends to the Government to purchase only Khaddar for Government clothing requirements.'

11. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—'With a view to encourage jaggery-making industry in the State this Council recommends that licenses for tapping for sweet toddy be issued without any restriction to all those who apply for them.'

12. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—'This Council requests the Government to formulate a comprehensive programme of work to be followed by the Excise Department so as to realise absolute prohibition within the course of five years.'

13. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—'This Council recommends that rules be framed by the Government that an independent private medical practitioner may be allowed to be present at the time of the post-mortem examination in Government Hospitals of dead bodies involved in grave crimes.'

14. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—'This Council requests the Government to open manure and seed depots in every taluk in the State.'

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